

**Duchesne County Trails Meeting  
County Administrative Offices, Duchesne, Utah  
May 11, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance were:**

Jared Thacker-Upper Country  
Cheryl Fabrizio-Tabiona-Hanna  
Jeff Crozier-Neola  
Greg Staker-Roosevelt  
Sharla Goff-Myton  
Mike Hyde, Community Development Administrator  
CoraLee Sanchez, Planning Secretary

**Visitors:**

Sabrina Miles  
Jantzen Reynolds  
Jason Blankenagle  
Ryan Hansen  
Jim Brown  
Jim Grisley  
Lars Grisley  
Joan Powell  
Gary Powell  
Jason Neal, USFS

After the Introduction of the Committee members and some thoughts from each member, Mr. Hyde opened up nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chair.

After nominations and a vote, Jared Thacker was selected to serve as Chairman and Jeff Crozier was selected serve as Vice-chair.

Chairman Thacker continued the meeting with the consideration of the Mission Statement/Vision of the Trails Committee. Mr. Hyde presented a proposed Mission Statement as follows:

“To pursue diverse and quality motorized and non-motorized recreational trail opportunities and experiences for all ages and skill levels, alternative transportation facilities and safe routes to schools through partnerships with private land owners, public lands agencies, municipalities, the county school district, the Ute Tribe and the public.”

With a motion from Committee member Goff and a second from Cheryl Fabrizio, the Mission Statement was approved unanimously.

Jason Blankenagle from Sunrise Engineering explained the process and direction with the future of their involvement with this project along with the tribal interests around Starvation Lake, any public involvement in taking the trails plan to the next level. Jason stated Sunrise is available at any time with any concerns or questions.

Chairman Thacker opened the public meeting for comments, but stated there will be a 3 minute time limit for each speaker. Due to time constraints this committee will discuss the top three projects tonight.

Jim Brown, read a letter and stated 13 of the property owners in the Sand Wash area are opposed to any development or trails of any kind.

Mr. Hyde read a letter from JD Brisk-Cabin Land LLC, also opposed to the Sand Wash trail project. He feels betrayed by Duchesne County since he already provided the public with the fisherman's access in his development.

Lars Grizzley, stated his opposition to the Sand Wash project adding it will just cause trouble and law enforcement will not do anything about it.

Brian Gardner, is concerned about the feasibility trying to make a trail on a cliff around the Sand Wash Reservoir. There is no way a trail should be built and is opposed to the project.

Jason Blankenagle stated this is still very preliminary; explaining the concept and expressing how user friendly the trails and projects are and will be.

Jacklyn Gardner, is opposed and concerned for her family and their privacy; with theft a possibility with a lot of public using the proposed trail around Sand Wash Reservoir.

Chairman Thacker asked if the trail around Sand Wash Reservoir would be on private land or on the Moon Lake water users land. Mr. Hyde stated it would be on Moon Lake water users land only.

Jim Brown, again is opposed and disagrees with Sunrise's assessment. He feels the biker and hiker communities are not user friendly and does not want these trails and access paths in his back yard.

Dr. Staker wanted some clarification on the map where the trail around Sand Wash will be in conjunction with the property owners.

Trina Hendricks, via zoom, with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is neither in favor or opposed but stated they already have issues the public, public trails and ongoing maintenance as DWR attempts to manage fishing and recreation at Sand Wash.

Ryan Hansen, via zoom, is opposed to a trail around Big Sand Wash and suggested there is no public access to the lake and has no interest in any trails or projects in this area.

There was some discussion with Trina Hendricks, Lars Grizzley and Roger Bennett about the cost, the abuse, destruction and crime in some areas, that makes projects like this frustrating.

Kim Brown, stated that after cleaning up a bike trail near their home in Salt Lake City she has no interest in having any kind of trail or access paths anywhere near their home in the basin.

Jason Neal, Wilderness Trails Manager, Ashley National Forest stated he was neutral in this process but was willing to discuss potential projects involving access to the forest.

There was some discussion on the Badlands ATV trail, a 90 mile loop in southern Duchesne County. Brett Stewart is working with Sunrise Engineering and the Forest Service along with the Badlands ATV trail committee.

Joan Powell, stated the Badlands project connects both Carbon and Duchesne Counties and she feels that trails are important and encourages the public to support these trails.

Mr. Hyde stated there are a couple of priorities including the Duchesne Hillside road sidewalk and the Tabiona Centennial park trail are very important for the safety of the children walking to and from school within their cities.

There is an outdoor recreation grant for \$150,000.00 available to start the process in Roosevelt City for trail support. That will help make walking/jogging friendly through the city. Dr. Staker commented how great these projects would be for both the community and the groups that will utilize them.

There was some discussion about the biking trails through out the county including a 68 mile loop and the importance of the sidewalks in the smaller cities and what UDOT is willing or able to do.

There was some discussion about the trails meeting schedule and the need for structure from the trails committee. Staff will attempt to provide further information to help the committee prioritize projects, seek "low hanging fruit" and some "easy wins". The committee decided to meet again in June; date to be determined.

Chairman Thacker concluded the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

